

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 7 with the following amended paragraph.

Other characteristics such as the shape and thickness of the filaments 26 forming the braided layer 24 may also vary to alter the characteristics of the retrieval device 10. In the exemplary embodiment depicted in Figure 1, the filaments 26 forming the braided layer 24 [[22]] are made from monofilament wire having a generally round transverse cross-sectional area. Other filament configurations may be employed, however, such as flat ribbon, multi-filament wire, threads, fibers, or combinations thereof. The thickness of the filaments 26 may vary in dimension to impart a greater or lesser amount of resistance to radial expansion to the distal segment 16. In general, the larger the size of filaments employed, the greater the resistance to radial expansion that results.